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Indiana Dunes State Park will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the J.D. Marshall on June 10 and 11.

Events will include historical programs, hikes and activities for kids. Visitors will learn about the diverse underwater archaeology offshore from Indiana Dunes and throughout Lake Michigan.

"This event will allow visitors to dive into the amazing cultural history that has occurred just off shore," said Brad Bumgardner, park interpreter.

Activities begin Friday night with a special shipping craft at the park's campground shelter at 8 p.m.

On Saturday, visitors can explore dunes history with a naturalist hike to Mount Tom at 10 a.m.

The Underwater Archaeological Society of Chicago (UASC) will offer two special shipwreck programs in the park nature center. The first, at 3 p.m., features the shipwrecks of Indiana by UASC President Emeritus Jim Jarecki. At 4 p.m., partake in "Shipwreck Detectives," an interactive hands-on program.

Saturday's evening activities begin in the nature center at 7 p.m., with "Tragedy Beneath the Waves," an interactive storytelling of the J.D. Marshall, the broken hull of which lies just off the state park beach. Park naturalists will tell the story of lives lost.

Weekend festivities are sponsored by Indiana Dunes State Park, Friends of Indiana Dunes, and the Underwater Archaeological Society of Chicago.

The standard gate fee of \$5 per vehicle for Indiana residents and \$10 per vehicle for out-of-state visitors will be in effect.

For more information, call the nature center at (219) 926-1390.

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